



M.O.E. Policy Manual

POLICY TITLE POTABLE WATER STORAGE STRUCTURES	NO. 15-13-01		
<u>Legislative Authority</u> the Ontario Water Resources Act			
<u>Statement of Principles</u> This policy establishes the requirement for the provision of covers for structures used for the storage of potable water. This requirement is necessary to ensure that water stored for human consumption remains free from contamination subsequent to treatment. This policy is written in support of Policy 15-06 (Ontario Drinking Water Objectives (1983 revision)) of the Manual of Environmental Policies and Guidelines, dealing with Drinking Water Quality in Ontario. Water for drinking and other domestic uses should be safe, palatable and aesthetically appealing. It should be free from pathogenic organisms and hazardous levels of chemicals. <u>Definitions</u> <table border="0" data-bbox="243 1134 1477 1323"><tr><td style="vertical-align: top;"><u>Potable Water</u></td><td>Water from ground or surface sources, that is supplied from water works operated by Municipalities and others (as covered under the provisions of Section 23 of the OWR Act) and intended for human consumption.</td></tr></table>		<u>Potable Water</u>	Water from ground or surface sources, that is supplied from water works operated by Municipalities and others (as covered under the provisions of Section 23 of the OWR Act) and intended for human consumption.
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Potable Water Storage
Structures

A structure where potable water is stored for use by consumers.

1. Policy Objective

The objective of this policy is to ensure that stored potable water remains free of contamination after treatment.

2. Application

2.1 General

This policy applies to all potable water storage structures supplied from waterworks operated by Municipalities and others covered under the provisions of Section 23 of the OWR Act.

2.2 MOE Involvement

This policy will be used by MOE staff when reviewing plans for new water works or for upgrading or expanding of existing works.

3. Ministry Requirements
of Municipal and
Communal Water Works

All existing and future potable water storage structures shall be completely covered to prevent contamination of the stored water. The type of cover shall be decided by the operating authority in consultation with their consulting engineers, and subject to the approval of the Director under Section 23 of the OWR Act.